

MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER
The Sixth Sunday after Pentecost, July 1st
The Year of Our Lord 2018
and of the Independence of the United States of America the 242nd

Order of Worship

9:30 a.m.

(* Those who are able may stand. °°° Late arrivals will be seated.)

Please remember to mute or turn off all electronic devices.

THE BELL TOLLS – *Welcoming us to worship God*

PRELUDE “Land of the Free” R. Koury

WELCOME TO THE CHURCH

INTRODUCTION OF OUR NEW PASTOR Edie Reichard

Chair, Staff/Parish Relations Committee

INTROIT “Give Thanks”

*CALL TO WORSHIP Jann C. Weaver, U.S.A, 20th Cent.

Leader: Sing praises to God, O you saints, and give thanks to God's holy name!

People: *We exalt you, O God, for you have restored us to life!*

Leader: We may cry through the night, but your joy comes with the morning.

People: *You hear us, O God, and you are gracious in our distress.*

Leader: You turn our mourning into dancing!

People: *Our souls cannot be silent!*

All: *O GOD, OUR SAVIOR, WE GIVE THANKS TO YOU FOR EVER!*

*HYMN #696 “America the Beautiful” Materna

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PRAYER FOR OUR COUNTRY (*seated, unison*) Toyhiko Kawaga, Japan, 20th cent.

O God, keep our whole country under your protection. Wipe out sin from this land; lift it up from the depth of sorrow, O Lord, our shining light. Save us from deep grief and misfortune, Lord of all nations. Bless us with your wisdom, so that the poor may not be oppressed and the rich may not be oppressors. Make this a nation having no ruler except God, a nation having no authority but that of Love. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION (*by the Pastor*)

UNISON PRAYER OF CONFESSION Hymnal p.12

Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law, we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION AND WORDS OF PARDON

THE PSALTER Psalm 130 UMH #516

THE EPISTLE 2 Corinthians 8:7-15 Bible p.1055 (LP, NT p.223)
Reader: The Word of the Lord. People: *Thanks be to God.*

*HYMN #515 “Out of the Depths I Cry to You” Aus Tiefer Not

*THE GOSPEL Mark 5:21-43 Bible p.915 (LP, NT p.48)
Reader: The Gospel of the Lord. People: *Praise to you, Lord Christ.*

THE SERMON “Out of the Depths” Pastor Levine

PRAYERS OF PETITION AND INTERCESSION

Leader: Lord, in Your mercy, People: *Hear our prayer.*

*THE PEACE

L: May the peace of the Lord be always with you. P: *And also with you.*
(*Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.*)

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory Anthem: “Love Grows Here” D. Besig
Adult Choir

*Presentation: “Praise God... All Blessings Flow” Hymnal #94

*Prayer of Dedication

*HYMN #638 “This Is the Feast of Victory” Festival Canticle

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (Setting A) Hymnal p.15

THE LORD'S PRAYER Hymnal #895

*THE COMMUNION

The United Methodist Church observes an open table: all are welcome to receive or refrain from receiving. We use gluten-free bread and grape juice. Please come forward at the direction of the ushers. During the distribution, we will sing hymns # 616, 624, 629, 393

PRAYER FOR LAY COMMUNION DISTRIBUTORS (*unison*)

Gracious God, we remember the apostolic Church which sent representatives from the Lord's Table to those unable to be present. Bless and assist these lay visitors who continue this

ministry. Nourish and strengthen those to whom this sacrament is brought, that they may know the comfort of your presence and the love of this community of faith. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

UNISON PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN #2114 “At the Font We Start Our Journey” insert

*THE BENEDICTION

*THE BELL TOLLS – *Sending us to walk with and witness for Jesus*

POSTLUDE “Fantasia on ‘America the Beautiful’” E. Lorenz
(During the postlude you may leave following the pastor or remain seated).

THE WORSHIP IS ENDED: THE SERVICE BEGINS.

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Sexton	Andy Thomas	Music Director	Dr. Richard L. Riccardi
Child Care Coordinator	Laura A. Brennan	Pastor of Healing Ministries	The Rev. Cindy Dodd
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Harold V.W. Vink
		Theologian-in-Residence:	The Rev. Dr. Judith F. Bennett

Grace Notes

July 1, 2018

Dear Mary Taylor Memorial Church community,

Many of you know that in May, I travelled to Atlanta, GA to study for 10 days at Candler School of Theology, which is part of Emory University. These were 8-12 hour days in a classroom with 34 other individuals, all on their own journey to serve God and fulfill God's call for their lives. They were some of the most incredible people one can meet.

Through this time, friendships were built very quickly. We all lived and studied together in the dorms. We learned how to joke with one another and we learned how to love one another, even though we disagreed with one another on some ideologies and practical applications of ministry. Some hearts and minds were changed through vulnerable and authentic conversations with one another, some were not. What I do know is that if I were to ever visit any area of Georgia in the future, within 45 minutes of wherever I am, I have a friend who would gladly welcome me into their home with their family.

*This is what I imagine God wants for each of us: even in our disagreements and hesitations, we can find the presence of God in one another enough to say, "Though I disagree with you, I love you with the love of the Lord." I went into that experience unsure of what to expect. I didn't know if there would be others from outside of the North or South Georgia Annual Conferences *Spoiler Alert*- there was not!*

In a world that is filled with disagreements, let us recognize the presence of God in one another, and say, as our District Superintendent encourages us to, "I Love You With the Love of the Lord, and There's NOTHING You Can Do About It!"

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Pastor Dani Levine

Outreach Pastor



Independence
DAY

AT WORSHIP TODAY

Head Usher: Shannon Thompson

Liturgist: Steve Wasko

Acolyte: Mary Repetsky

Communion Stewards: Brenda Pineau and Bev Downing

Communion Celebrants: Pastor Kristina Hansen, Pastor Dani Levine, Steve Wasko and Co-Lay Leader Shelly Lapadula.

Greeters: Diana Cable and Sandra Short

Cross Bearer: Carolyn Hollyday

Bible Bearer: Eric Pitts

THE ALTAR FLOWERS today are in honor of Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman as the people and staff of Mary Taylor Memorial United Methodist Church welcome them in love into this Christian community and the civic community of Milford.

TO ASSIST YOU IN WORSHIP, see our ushers for:

- Large print Bibles, hymnals and bulletins
- Hearing Assist Devices
- Children's bulletins for ages 3 – 6 and 7 – 12

WELCOME VISITORS! May you experience God's presence today. Please complete a red visitor's card (in the pew racks) and wear the "Visitor" peel-and-stick name tag to help us greet you. Our Ambassadors will look for you! **CHURCH INFORMATION** is in the Narthex.

PLEASE OFFER PRAYER CONCERNS using the "Blue Sheets" in the attendance pads in each pew; or obtain one from an usher. **Please return them completed to an usher or to the center aisle where the ushers will collect them on the opening hymn.** Our Lay Leaders speak them during the Prayer of Intercession and Petition. **You are also invited to speak your concerns when we pray.** Please obtain others' permission to share their concerns. Prayers are included in our on-line prayer chain and Monday night Healing Service. **Please also consider joining our Yahoo e-communication group** (which was created for prayer concerns) to offer immediate posting of intercessory prayer requests. To sign up, contact the church office.

CHILD CARE for children five years old and younger is provided in the Wesley Center, the building to your left. Please note that children over five are expected to remain in the sanctuary since our child care is not staffed to provide for older children.

IF YOU NEED TO LEAVE THE SANCTUARY DURING WORSHIP, please exit by the east (left) side aisle. **RESTROOMS** are in Dodd Hall (behind the altar). **PARENTS are respectfully urged to accompany their children** as required by our Safe Sanctuary policy. **PLEASE RE-ENTER** the sanctuary by the east side aisle.

TODAY'S LITURGY is based on Holy Scripture, The United Methodist Hymnal (1989), The United Methodist Book of Worship (1992) and The Faith We Sing (2000).

SERMON COPIES are in the rear of the church or at www.mtm-umc.org.



TWO-WEEK CALENDAR AT MARY TAYLOR MEMORIAL

<i>Sunday, July 1</i>		<i>Summer Office Hours: Monday through <u>Thursday</u>, 9 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Closed Friday</i>
	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>11:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Sunday School Picnic at Bodie’s Place (Eisenhower Park)</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 2</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Wednesday, July 4</i>		<i>Independence Day: Church Office closed</i>
	NO MTMUMC serving at Golden Hill UMC Community this month: Another group has allowed us to enjoy the holiday! Next prep: Sept. 5th, 2:30 pm	
<i>Thursday, July 5</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>
<i>Saturday, July 7</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>
<i>Sunday, July 8</i>	<i>9:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Worship– Sanctuary</i>
	<i>10:30 a.m.</i>	<i>Summer Punch Bowl – Courtyard</i>
	<i>3:30 p.m.</i>	<i>GEUMC Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Monday, July 9</i>	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Healing and Wholeness Worship – Chapel</i>
<i>Thursday, July 12</i>	<i>10:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Office Volunteers (closed Friday)</i>
	<i>7:00 p.m.</i>	<i>Staff-Parish Relations Committee – Gunn Library, Wesley Ct.</i>
<i>Saturday, July 14</i>	<i>9:00 a.m.</i>	<i>Men’s Tres Dias reunion group – Chapel</i>

LOOKING AHEAD AT SUMMER DATES

(Details in the July “Beacon”)

- Tuesday, July 17th: Men’s Club dinner meeting to plan Oyster Festival, 6:30 p.m. Dodd Hall
- Sunday, July 22nd: Summer Fellowship Picnic in the Church Courtyard
- Saturday, July 28th: Beardsley Zoo Party, 11 a.m.
- Sunday, August 5th: Walnut Beach Day, after worship, Devon Rotary Pavilion
- Saturday, August 18th: Milford Oyster Festival, downtown Milford
- Sunday, August 19th: Youth Trip to Brownstone, leaving right after worship

VITAL CONGREGATION WEEKLY REPORT FOR June 24th

Total worship attendance all services: 265; June 24: 257; GEUMC: No service; June 25: Healing and Wholeness:8; Total Offerings for June 24: \$6,765.00; Amount given to Charities and Benevolence: \$3,921.59; Engaged in Small Groups: 24: Trash & Treasures: 4; Prayer Shawl: 10; Office Volunteers: 10; Total persons received on profession of faith: 0; Total Persons involved in local, national, and international missions: 0. *Small Groups – please contact the church office mtmumc@sbcglobal.net or 203.874.1982) with your attendance.

TODAY

SUMMER PUNCH BOWL is hosted by Edie Reichard. “Fellowship Time” becomes “Summer Punch Bowl,” with lighter fare and the location in the outside courtyard, weather permitting. **If you’d like to host Summer Punch Bowl, it’s easy. Corrected open dates** are July 29 and Aug. 5, 19, 26 and Sept. 2nd. Please contact a Membership and Evangelism Co-Chair: Holly Firmender (203.878.6257 or holly.firmender@gmail.com) or Sue Pitre (203.435.7031 or soupytrus@yahoo.com). Next Sunday’s host is Sandy Morgan.

PICNIC AT BODIE’S PLACE follows today after worship at 11:00 a.m. Join us for a picnic lunch and some outdoor family fun at Bodie’s Place playground (Eisenhower Park). An Evite was sent by Cathy Cono: see her this morning for more details or changes if weather requires it.

OUR GAY-STRAIGHT ALLIANCE (GSA), in its on-going work of education and advocacy, has produced a brochure designed to help educate our congregation on current terms used in discussion of sexual orientation and gender identity. The brochure is available in the spinner racks and from any GSA member wearing a rainbow-colored lanyard. These members also welcome conversation with you about this part of our ministry. Feel free to speak with them.

SEE THE WEEKLY CALENDAR for regular meetings and activities.

THIS WEEK

CHURCH OFFICE NOTES: The office is on summer hours: Mon. – Thurs., 9 am – 2 pm, and closed Fridays. **Please note that the office is closed on Independence Day, Wed., July 4th,**

THE COUNCIL OF CHURCHES OF GREATER BRIDGEPORT ANNOUNCES: INTERFAITH RALLY FOR REFUGEES & IMMIGRANTS- First Church Congregational in Fairfield and CIRI (Connecticut Institute for Refugees and Immigrants) are organizing a rally in support of refugees and immigrants. What better way to celebrate Independence Day? JOIN US! **Thursday, July 5, 7:30 PM on the lawn at First Church Congregational, 148 Beach Rd, Fairfield, CT.**

NEXT SUNDAY, July 8th

PENTECOST VIII

Lectionary readings are II Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10; Psalm 48; II Corinthians 12:2-10 and Mark 6:1-13. We will have a Mission Minute from Stacy Meszaros for United Methodist Action Reach-out Mission by Youth (UMARMY) and commission UMARMY high school and adult volunteers headed to West Chelmsford, MA. Special music by Dr. Rick Riccardi.

OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

SUMMER SPECIAL MUSIC: If you have a musical talent you'd like to share at 9:30 a.m. summer Sunday worship, please e-mail Rick Riccardi at rick.riccardi@comcast.net or call him at 203.562.6508. **Open dates** are August 5 and 12; and September 2nd.



SUMMER COTTAGE MEETINGS will provide informal conversation to get to know Pastor Kristina Hansen and Leslie Reyman. **If you would consider hosting a group of 12-15 people in July or August**, please contact Staff-Parish Chair Edie Reichard at 203.650.5733.

NAME TAGS: we are revitalizing our use of name tags, anticipating the arrival of our new pastor. Please look at the name tags on the table in Dodd Hall to see if yours is there. If not, please let the office (203.874.1982, ext. 110 or mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) know you need one.

TRASH AND TREASURES will be accepting your best treasures *only during the month of July for the Oyster Festival*. Please do not donate any large items, things in need of repair or summer clothing. Any questions? Call Dolly Bonisch, 203-783-9952.

YOU'VE GOT MAIL – If you have a mailbox in the church office, please pick your mail up. If you've changed committee leaders you may not remember to check for incoming mail. An e-mail was sent last Tuesday notifying people who have newly been assigned mailboxes, along with a confirmation of those who already have them. If you are unsure, check with Mary Lou in the church office.



THE RED CROSS has issued a call for blood donors. They are asking for types A, B and O to fill the gap and prevent a summer shortage. Sign on to redcrossblood.org for the local blood mobile listings in our area.

THE NEW YORK ANNUAL CONFERENCE TASK FORCE ON IMMIGRATION...

... hosts a Prayer Time weekly *Monday nights, 7:30 pm – 8 pm*, via Conference Call. Contact person is Pastor Ximena Varas, Ximena.varas@nyac-umc.com. Join us for a time of prayer for our country and immigrant brothers and sisters. Call-in number: 641-715-3580; 780-843#

CONNECTICUT DISTRICT ADVANCED LAY SERVANT CLASS – *The Spirit and Art of Conflict Resolution* is being offered in July, taught by Mary Brevigleiri, Certified Lay Minister. Course will take place on two Saturdays, July 21st and 28th, 9:30 am – 3:30 pm at Wethersfield UMC. Lay Servants will earn 10 credits for successful completion; it will cover the three-year requirement as a Certified Lay Servant. For more information, contact Pastor Dani Levine, dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

OUR LIFE IN PRAYER, MINISTRY AND MISSION

BULLETIN NOTICES are due by noon Wednesday for the weekly bulletin.

DONATE ALTAR FLOWERS OR A MISSION CROSS. *Beth O'Brien (203.877.8668 or bgobrien11@optonline.net) is now taking orders for 2018.* Flowers are \$20. Donations, in lieu of flowers, to support missions are honored with a cross and miniature mission scarf on the altar. Checks for both are payable to MTMUMC, mailed to Beth O'Brien, 7 Breakneck Court, 06460. **Available dates are July 15, August 5, 12, 19 and 26.**

FOOD BASKET: Please place non-perishable food items in the basket located in the back of the church and monetary donations in the Beth-El envelope.

ANIMAL SHELTER DONATIONS: Wet and dry cat food is needed for seniors with pets and for the canine facility. Towels and blankets are needed. Animal Control will not take peoples' released pets but will spay and neuter feral cats. Please leave your donations in the designated basket in the back of the Sanctuary. The Youth Fellowship takes these items to Animal Control each week. Bless you for caring for God's children with fur. **If you and your animals are in need, please help yourself to the available donations.**

CONTACT THE PASTORS directly or through the church office (203.874.1982, mtmumc@sbcglobal.net) with pastoral care needs and hospitalizations: **Pastor Kristina Hansen:** kristina.hansen@nyac-umc.com; 203.874.1982, ext. 111 or 203.895.3753, or **Pastor Dani Levine:** 203.927.9077 or dani.m.levine@gmail.com.

“**FIX IT BOX**” is in Dodd Hall. See a need? Drop a completed form in the box.

WE HOST Alcoholics Anonymous, Gamblers Anonymous, and Recovery from Co-dependency (CODA) WEEKLY. Please call the church office for the schedule or see it posted on the bulletin boards.

PLEASE NOTE: During a medical or other emergency the Head Usher or a designee will call #911. Please do not call on your cell phone as multiple calls may delay response.

